

# ANNUAL REPORT to Shareowners 1957

## Walgreen Co.



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#### **OFFICERS**

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P. J. Redford	Assistant Secretary
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N. P. Starshak	Comptroller
Public Accountants and Auditors	ARTHUR ANDERSEN & Co.

Registrars.... HARRIS TRUST AND SAVINGS BANK OF CHICAGO
THE FIRST NATIONAL CITY BANK OF NEW YORK

### in 1957...

#### EACH SHARE

(of 1,292,485 outstanding)

• had SALES of	181.91
• made a PROFIT BEFORE TAXES of	6.63
• paid INCOME TAXES of	3.30
• and earned a NET PROFIT of	3.33
• paid its owner in CASH DIVIDENDS	1.85
• re-invested to EXPAND and IMPROVE the business	1.48
• bringing its BOOK VALUE at September 30 to	26.91



### The President's Annual Message

EARNINGS for our last fiscal year, which ended September 30, were \$3.33 a share, while for the previous one they were \$3.12. Sales also reached a new record of over 235 millions—up nearly 23 millions.

During the recently closed fiscal year we opened 34 large self service stores and acquired 3 prescription pharmacies. We remodeled 15 stores—12 very extensively. Six of the self service stores that were opened were relocations of old, smaller stores and 26 of the new stores were in drive-in shopping centers. Including the 6 relocated stores, we closed 17 which did not hold promise for the future. At September 30 we were operating 407 stores, including one re-opened during the year: this compares with 386 the year previous. Self service units numbered 135, as against 94 a year ago.

While these additions and changes contributed to the substantial sales increase shown for the fiscal year, we also had to absorb the heavy launching costs of opening a larger-than-usual number of stores. The number to be opened during our current fiscal year will be less.

I recommend your careful and favorable consideration of the employee stock option plan outlined in the proxy material which accompanies this report. It should be a constructive influence, which I believe will be beneficial to the long range interests of the shareowner.

Competition continues to be very keen and to come from almost every type of store. Many new trading areas are developing, while some old ones are deteriorating. Costs still exhibit a strong tendency to rise, and those connected with the adjustment to changing conditions are substantial. We believe that there is ample evidence that we are moving in the direction which will ensure our Company's growth and its continuing ability to meet competition.

Sincerely,

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#### Walgreen Co. and Subsidiary Companies

#### COMPARATIVE

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Commence A	1957	1956
CURRENT ASSETS:		
Cash	\$ 4,990,369	\$ 7,466,801
United States Government securities	_	225,366
Accounts receivable, less reserves	2,956,667	2,596,536
Inventories of merchandise, priced at lower of cost or market, less		
reserves	28,364,078	23,767,747
Total Current Assets	36,311,114	34,056,450
Prepaid Rent, Insurance, Taxes, Etc.	1,003,967	960,204
Investments In Affiliated and Other Companies, at cost	1,670,856	1,659,402
Fixed Assets, at cost:		
Land	68,000	22,000
Buildings (on owned and leased land)	1,554,101	1,554,101
Equipment	24,562,765	21,633,245
	26,184,866	23,209,346
Less—Reserves for depreciation	10,781,133	9,826,670
TOTAL FIXED ASSETS	15,403,733	13,382,676
GOODWILL, LEASEHOLDS, LEASEHOLD IMPROVEMENTS, ETC., at nominal		
amount	1	1
	\$54,389,671	\$50,058,733

#### NOTE:

The company's Board of Directors has adopted and recommended for stockholder approval a stock option plan whereunder 60,000 authorized but unissued shares of common stock would be reserved for key employees, including officers. Such options would be exercisable beginning one year from the date of

#### BALANCE SHEET

#### LIABILITIES

Septe	mber 30,
1957	1956
\$ 7,659,313	\$ 6,734,580
6,288,235	5,061,018
3,215,050	2,949,718
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18,162.598	15,245,316
1,450,000	1,950,000
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34,777,073	32.863,417
\$54,389,671	\$50,058,733
	\$ 7,659,313 6,288,235 3,215,050 1,000,000 18,162.598 1,450,000 12,924,850 21,852,223 34,777,073

grant, over a period not exceeding five years (and in reduced amounts over the succeeding four years) at a price not less than 95% of the average closing price of the common stock on the New York Stock Exchange for the five days preceding such date.

#### Walgreen Co. and Subsidiary Companies

#### COMPARATIVE STATEMENT OF INCOME

For the Years Ended September 30, 1957 and 1956

	1957	1956
SALES AND OTHER INCOME:		
Net sales and other store income	\$235,111,325	\$212,283,299
Other income (net)	227,335	408,074
	235,338,660	212,691,373
Costs and Deductions:	-	
Cost of sales and of selling, occupancy and administration, except		
depreciation	223,225,625	201,053,149
Depreciation of buildings and equipment	1,780,384	1,530,108
Provision for contribution to employees' retirement pension trust	1,376,000	1,557,000
Improvements to leased properties	391,898	437,845
	226,773,907	204,578,102
INCOME BEFORE FEDERAL AND STATE INCOME TAXES	8,564,753	8,113,271
Provision for Federal and State income taxes	4,260,000	4,080,000
Net Income	\$ 4,304,753	\$ 4,033,271

#### COMPARATIVE STATEMENT OF EARNED SURPLUS

For the Years Ended September 30, 1957 and 1956

Balance Beginning of Year	\$ 19,938,567	\$ 18,296,393
Net Income	4,304,753	4,033,271
	24,243,320	22,329,664
Deduct—Dividends paid \$1.85 per share	2,391,097	2,391,097
BALANCE END OF YEAR	\$ 21,852,223	\$ 19,938,567

#### ARTHUR ANDERSEN & CO.

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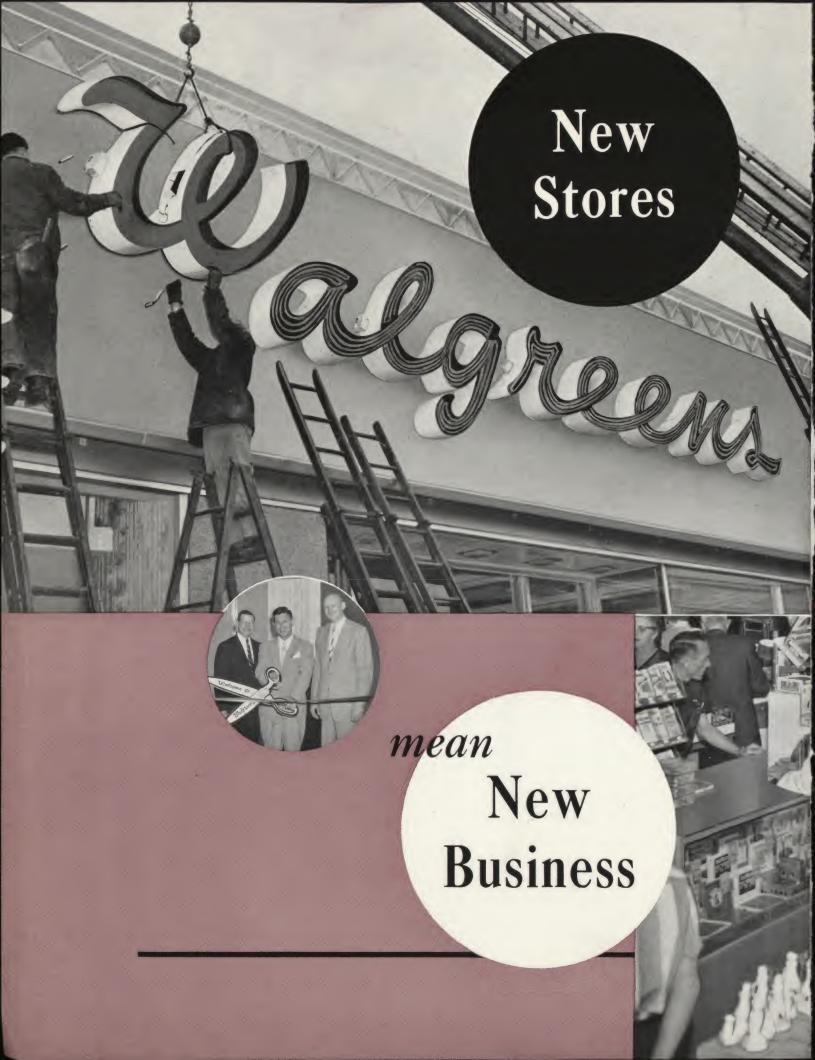
To the Board of Directors, WALGREEN Co.:

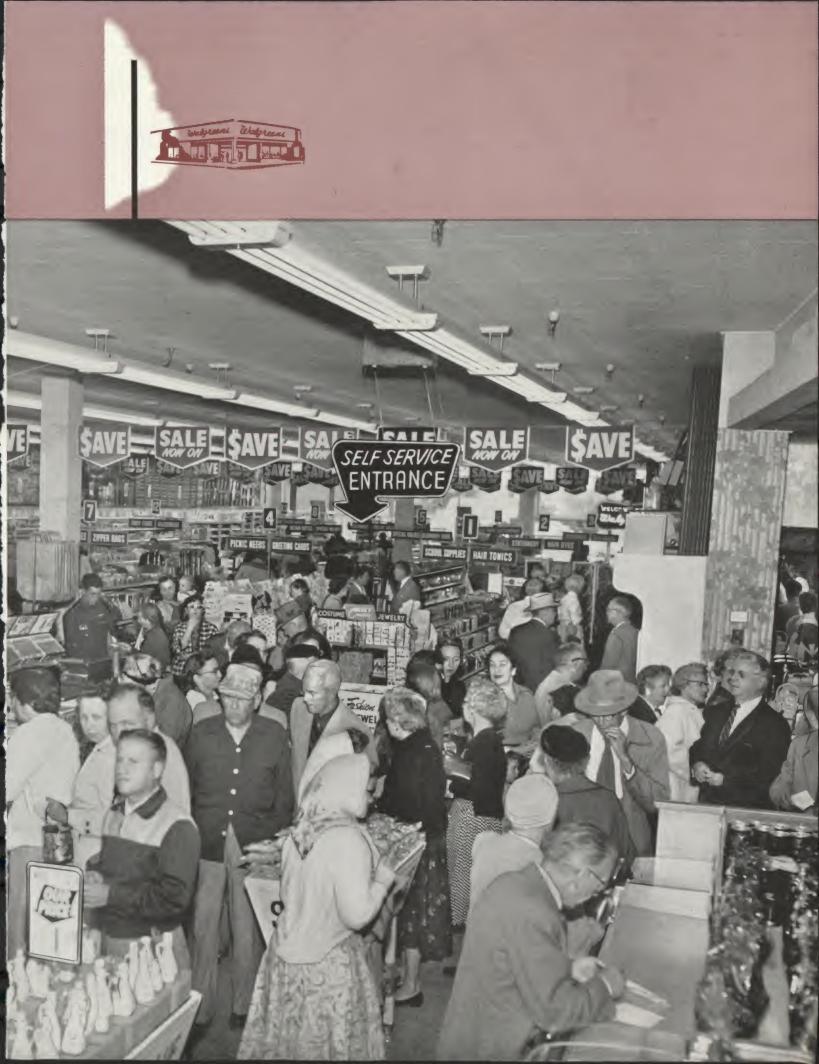
We have examined the consolidated balance sheet of Walgreen Co. (an Illinois corporation) and Subsidiary Companies as of September 30, 1957, and the related statements of consolidated income and earned surplus for the year then ended. Our examination was made in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards, and accordingly included such tests of the accounting records and such other auditing procedures as we considered necessary in the circumstances.

In our opinion, the accompanying consolidated balance sheet and statements of consolidated income and earned surplus present fairly the financial position of Walgreen Co. and Subsidiary Companies as of September 30, 1957, and the results of their operations for the year then ended, and were prepared in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles applied on a basis consistent with that of the preceding year.

ARTHUR ANDERSEN & Co.

Chicago, Illinois, November 13, 1957.





#### building the new ...

## Store Openings of 1957



Berwyn, Ill., Cermak Plaza Shopping Center Blue Island, Ill., 13054 S. Western Ave. Casper, Wyo., 200 S. Center St. Chicago, III., 2424 W. Devon Ave. Chicago, III., 400 E. 47th St. Cincinnati, Ohio, Swifton Shopping Center Corpus Christi, Tex., Parkdale Shopping Plaza Crestwood, Mo. (St. Louis), Crestwood Shopping Plaza Dallas, Tex., Lochwood Village Shopping Center Edina, Minn. (Minneapolis), Southdale Center Elgin, III., 56 S. Grove Ave. Englewood, Colo. (Denver), 3395 S. Broadway Hempstead, L.I., N.Y., Roosevelt Field Shopping Center Hialeah, Fla., Flamingo Shopping Center Highland Park, III., 1895 Sheridan Rd. Houston, Tex., North Shore Village Shopping Center Jacksonville, Fla., Southgate Shopping Plaza Lakeland, Fla., 116 S. Kentucky Ave.

Lakewood, Colo. (Denver), Lakewood Shopping Center Madison, Tenn. (Nashville), Madison Square Shopping Center Massapequa Park, L.I., N.Y., Bar Harbour Shopping Center Memphis, Tenn., Summer Shopping Center Memphis, Tenn., Whitehaven Shopping Plaza Metairie, La. (New Orleans), Crescent Airlines Shopping Center Milwaukee, Wis., Capitol Court Shopping Center New Orleans, La., Gentilly Woods Shopping Center Norridge, III. (Chicago), Harlem-Irving Shopping Plaza N. Hempstead, L.I., N.Y., Lake Success Shopping Center N. Miami Beach, Fla., 163rd St. Shopping Center Phoenix, Ariz., 13 E. Monroe St. Phoenix, Ariz., 2021 N. Central Ave. Phoenix, Ariz., Park Central Business Center San Antonio, Tex., Las Palmas Shopping Center Skokie, III., Old Orchard Business District Tucson, Ariz., 44 N. Stone Ave. Valley Stream, L.I., N.Y., Green Acres Shopping Center

Waukegan, III., Waukegan Shopping Plaza





#### improving the old ...

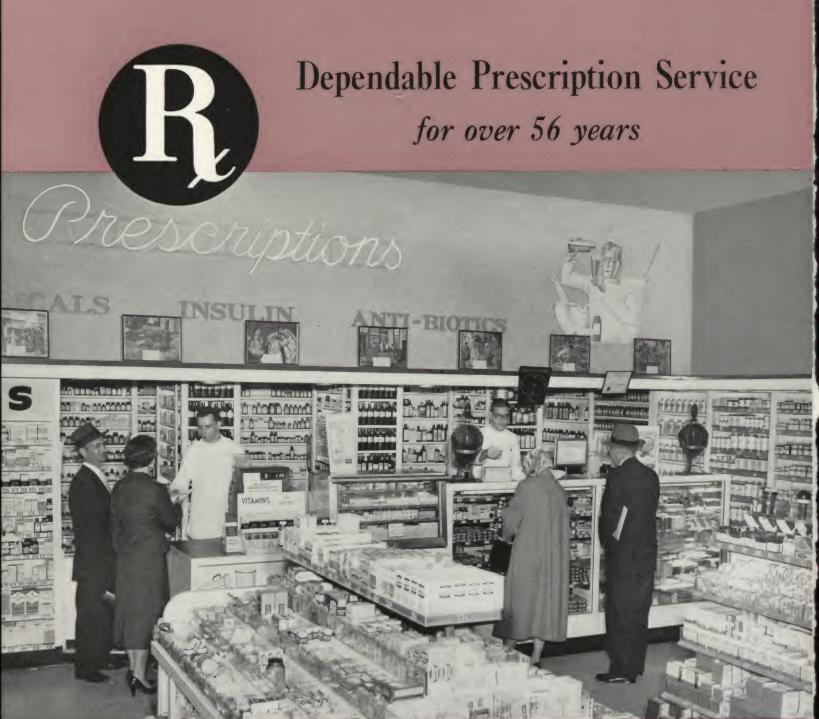
## Major Remodelings of 1957

Alexandria, La., 1002 Third St.
Chicago, III., 6300 Cottage Grove Ave.
Chicago, III., 1603 Howard St.
Chicago, III., 11100 S. Michigan Ave.
Houston, Tex., 2946 S. Shepherd Dr.
Louisville, Ky., 970 Baxter Ave.

Nashville, Tenn., 226 Fifth Ave., N.
Panama City, Fla., 485 Harrison Ave.
Pasadena, Tex. (Houston),
Corrigan Shopping Center
Salt Lake City, Utah, 201 S. Main St.
Shreveport, La., 600 Texas St.

Toledo, Ohio, 2156 Central Ave.

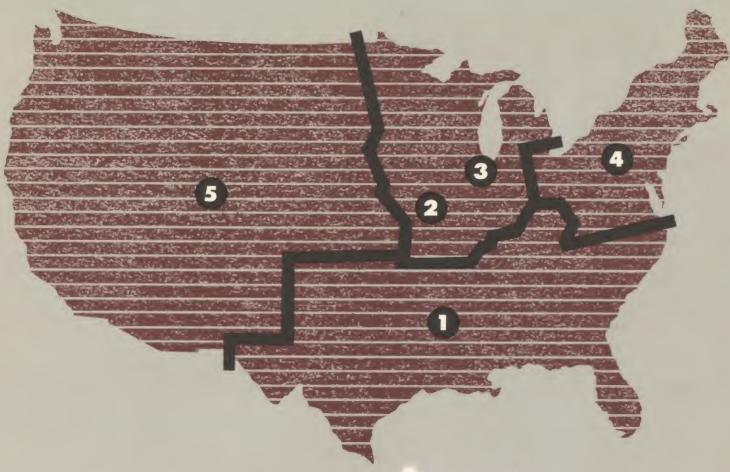






Prescription leadership—4,361,727 filled this fiscal year, an alltime record—is important beyond its own direct rewards. The reliability
of our pharmacy service earns the respect and goodwill of the
medical profession and builds the confidence of our customers.

Nationwide, whatever the location or type of store, the prescription
department is its keystone. Pharmacy is the identifying responsibility
and the unique opportunity of every Walgreen Drug Store.



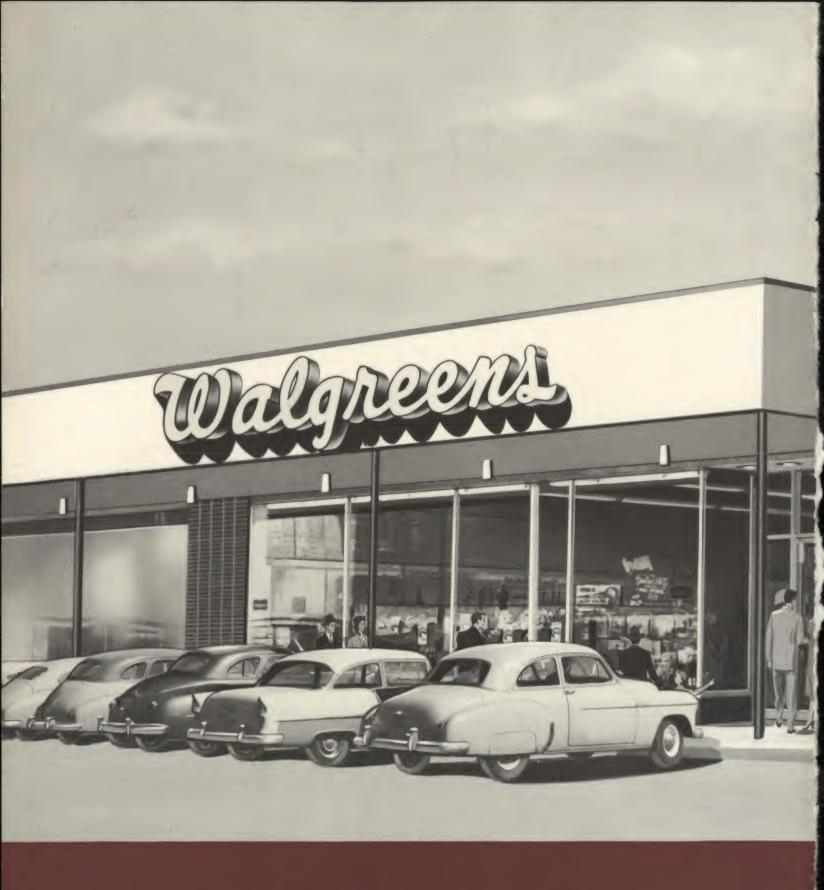
As a shareowner, you'll be interested in our distribution of sales. 407 Walgreen Drug Stores, at key locations, serve communities across the nation. In addition, some 1800 independently-owned Walgreen Agency Drug Stores carry our name and our products into many areas not directly served by our own stores. And our affiliate in Mexico, the celebrated *Sanborns*, gives international scope to our operations.

### Distribution of Sales:

- SOUTHERN \$69,316,546 or 29.5%
- MIDWEST
  (Chicago excluded)
  \$67,718,070 or 28.8%
- CHICAGO, ILL. \$49,123,917 or 20.9%
- EASTERN \$26,785,779 or 11.4%
- WESTERN \$22,167,013 or 9.4%



"Walgreens - the Nation's Name for Drug Stores"



"More people trade at Walgreens than at any other drug stores in the world."